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BOOK REVIEWS.

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Handbook of the Law of Banks and Banking—By Francis B. Tiffany, Author of "Death by Wrongful Act" and handbooks on "Sales" and "Principal and Agent." St. Paul, Minn. West Publishing Co. 1912. Price \$3.75.

To say that a book belongs to the "Hornbook Series" is in itself a favorable introduction. We know of no series which in as small a compass carries more condensed learning and valuable information on the given subject.

The present volume on the law of Banks & Banking is in no way behind the other volumes in the orderly and systematic arrangement of its matter. There was a crying need for a new treatise on this important subject, for it is one with which the practitioner is frequently concerned. The author recognizing this fact has covered the field much more fully than if the book had been primarily intended for students. His citations are fuller and his notes more far-reaching. The National Banking Act and Federal Statutes relating to National Banks are given in an appendix with explanatory notes which in themselves are exceedingly valuable. We heartily commend the volume to the profession.

The Lawyers Reports Annotated—New Series. Book 38. Burdett A. Rich, Henry P. Farnham, Editors. 1912. Rochester, N. Y. The Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Company. Price \$4.00.

This volume adds another weapon to the armoury of the lawyer who desires to be ready at short notice for any phase of legal combat. The usual perspicacity and care is shown in the selection of cases and the notes are, as usual well conceived and digested.

The note on p. 366 "Liability of owner upon revoking authority of real estate broker employed for a definite period," is an excellent treatise on an interesting subject, whilst that on "Insurance brokers as agents for the insured," is novel as well as important.

The one on "Sale: right of purchaser on conditional sale to recover back payments where the seller re-takes the property" is quite full and valuable.

The casual reader will be surprised and the student pleased at the length of the note on p. 1054 upon what one would consider the time-worn subject of "Malice Aforethought." Some fifty-seven pages are given bringing the definition of the term up to the latest date.